2 Exam Skills Trainer

Reading

Strategy
When you have completed the task, read the text again carefully and make sure you have made the right choices about where to put the missing sentences.

1 Read the Strategy. Then read the text below. The two sentences in bold are both in the wrong place. Where should they be?

Extract from *Gulliver's Travels*

When I left college, I continued my studies and became a doctor. I was born in Nottinghamshire and was the third of five sons. My father was not a rich man, but he was able to send me to Cambridge University, where I studied for three years. But I always wanted to travel, and so I made several voyages as a ship's doctor. When I married my wife Mary, however, I planned to stay at home for a while. **I decided to go to sea again, and this time I joined a ship sailing to the islands in the South Pacific Ocean.** But after a few years I discovered I was not earning enough money from my patients. We started our journey from Bristol on May 4th, 1699.

2 Read the text below. Match sentences A–H with gaps 1–7. There is one extra sentence.

Extract from *Gulliver's Travels*

We sailed across the Atlantic, round the coast of Africa and into the Indian Ocean. But before we could reach the Pacific, a violent storm hit us and drove us to the north-west of Tasmania. [1]_____ Some of the sailors and I managed to get a boat into the water, and we rowed away to look for land. But when we were too tired to row any more, a great wave hit our small boat, and we all fell into the sea. [2]_____

The wind and waves pushed me along as I struggled to keep my head above water. [3]_____ Luckily, just then my feet touched the ground. I walked out of the sea and on to a beach, where there was no sign of any people or houses. I was so exhausted that I lay down and went to sleep.

When I woke up next morning, and tried to get up, I could not move. I was lying on my back and my whole body, my arms and legs were strongly fastened to the ground. [4]_____ The sun began to grow hot, and I was very uncomfortable. Soon I felt something alive moving along my leg and up my body to my face, and when I looked down, I saw a very small human being, only fifteen centimetres tall. He had a bow and arrow in his hands, and there were forty more of these little men following him. [5]_____ They all jumped back, very frightened, and some hurt themselves by falling off my body. Meanwhile, I was struggling to unfasten myself, but just as I managed to pull my left arm free of the ropes, I felt a hundred arrows land on my free hand, and more arrows on my face and body. This was very painful, and made me cry aloud. I lay quietly, to see what would happen next.

[6]_____ An official climbed up there to speak to me. Although I could not understand his language, I understood that they would be friendly towards me – if I did not try to harm them. By now I was extremely hungry, so I used sign language to beg the official for food. He seemed to understand me, because immediately ladders were put against my sides and little men climbed up with baskets of food and drink. [7]_____ In just one mouthful I ate three of their meat dishes and three of their loaves of bread.

A I do not know what happened to my companions, but I suppose they were all drowned.
B When they saw I was no longer struggling, they quickly built a platform next to my head.
C I became very tired and soon felt I could not swim any more.
D Even my hair, which was long and thick, was tied to the ground.
E I was so surprised that I gave a great shout.
F The sky was a cloudless blue and the sea was very calm.
G They were surprised at how much I could eat and drink.
H The wind drove our ship on to a rock, which broke the ship in half.

Listening

Strategy
When you are asked to match statements to recordings that you hear, there is always one extra sentence that you don't need. This sentence will partly match at least one of the recordings, but it will not be completely correct. Make sure you understand why it is not the right answer.

3 Read the Strategy. Then read the audio script and choose the correct sentence (A or B) to describe it.

'Welcome to the show, and what a great show we have today! In a moment I'd like to welcome our special guest, singer and songwriter Eliza Swain. She's going to talk to us about her latest album and also her European tour next month. After that, we go to Mitch Jackson, who will tell us the top five films to watch right now. And they are amazing ... I know, I've seen them all. Later on in the programme, we have Lucy Kyle with some great fashion tips. But first, let's welcome Eliza to the show.'

A The speaker presents a music show.
B The speaker presents an entertainment show.

4 1.13 You will hear five speakers talk about entertainment. You will hear the recording twice. Match sentences A–E with recordings 1–5. There is one extra sentence.

A We learn about somebody's life. _____
B The speaker is making an announcement to competitors. _____
C The speaker wants to advertise a summer job opportunity. _____
D The speaker is still studying at school. _____
E We learn about the history of some popular stories. _____
F The speaker is describing a festival. _____

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